

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

19. (currently amended) A device for reflexotherapy, comprising:

an elastic base member ~~being in plasticized condition in the course of heating, and to be an integral structure upon curing~~ in the form of a rectangular plate which is solid in the direction of thickness thereof; and

needles provided each with one squeezed and tightly clamped thickened end and one sharpened end;

said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened ends being embedded in said elastic rectangular plate base member ~~when in said plasticized condition so that upon curing of said elastic base member at least said squeezed thickened end of each needles becomes needle is squeezed in said~~ forming an integral structure of with said elastic rectangular plate base member;

said elastic rectangular plate base member completely envelops the surface of said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened ends of said needles providing a rigid fixation of said needles in said elastic rectangular base member and eliminating tilting of said needles about axes thereof; and

said remaining sharpened end of each needle protrudes from ~~said integral structure a~~ major planar surface of said elastic rectangular plate base member.

20. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein:

an external surface of said base member is provided with lugs surrounding, contacting and enveloping stems of said needles.

21. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein:
said needles are made tapered in the direction from said thickened end toward said sharpened end thereof.

22. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein:
said needles are made tapered in the direction from said thickened end toward said sharpened end thereof.

23. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein:
said needles are made with thickened ends in the form of heads.

24. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 22, wherein:
said needles are made with thickened ends in the form of heads.

25. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein:
said needles are made in the form of nails or drawing pins.

26. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein:
said needles are made in the form of nails or drawing pins.

27. (currently amended) A device for reflexotherapy, comprising:

an elastic base member consisting of two layers joined together ~~in plasticized condition by heating, and~~ forming an integral structure ~~upon curing~~ in the form of a rectangular plate which is solid in a direction of thickness thereof; and

needles provided with one squeezed and tightly clamped thickened end and one sharpened end each;

at least said sharpened end of each needle passing through an upper layer of said two layers of said elastic rectangular plate base member and protruding ~~therefrom, and~~ from a major planar surface of said elastic rectangular plate base member;

said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened end of each needle being disposed between said two layers and joined together with said two layers;

at least said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened end of each needle being squeezed and tightly clamped within said integral structure, ~~and;~~

said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened ends being fastened substantially in an area of joint between said two layers; and

said elastic rectangular plate base member completely envelops the surface of said squeezed and tightly clamped thickened ends of said needles providing a rigid fixation of said needles in said elastic rectangular plate base member and eliminating tilting of said needles about axes thereof.

28. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 27, wherein:

an external surface of said base member is provided with lugs surrounding, contacting and enveloping stems of said needles.

29. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 27, wherein:
said needles are made tapered in the direction from said thickened end toward said sharpened end thereof.

30. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 28, wherein:
said needles are made tapered in the direction from said thickened end toward said sharpened end thereof.

31. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 29, wherein:
said needles are made with thickened ends in the form of heads.

32. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 30, wherein:
said needles are made with thickened ends in the form of heads.

33. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 27, wherein:
said needles are made in the form of nails or drawing pins.

34. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 28, wherein:
said needles are made in the form of nails or drawing pins.